



Plants Engineered To Replace Oil

Yield Workbook Webinar

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Introduction---PETRO FOA Yield Workbook Webinar

The purpose of the Yield Workbook Webinar is to:

- Facilitate the Applicant's completion of the Yield Workbook for the PETRO FOA by:
 - Clarifying instructions provided in the Yield Workbook template and the PETRO FOA for completing the template. Please refer to ARPA-E's website (<https://arpa-e-foa.energy.gov/>) to download the PETRO Yield Workbook template and see Section IV.C of the FOA for additional instructions.
 - Illustrating the methodology that should be utilized to prepare the Yield Workbook
 - Provide clarification around the derivation of Table 1 (See Section I, Page 10) in the PETRO FOA

What are the Ground Rules?

- Applicants may ask questions about, or request clarification on, the methodology that should be utilized to prepare the Workbook
- All questions must relate to the Yield Workbook
- All questions must be submitted in writing to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov during or after the webinar
- The ARPA-E Contracting Officer and ARPA-E Program Director may elect to respond to questions during the webinar or post answers to questions on PETRO's FAQ web page located at <http://arpa-e.energy.gov/About/FAQs/FundingPETRO.aspx>



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What are the Ground Rules? (cont.)

- The webinar does not in any way change the terms and conditions of the PETRO FOA and has no relationship to any other previous or current ARPA-E FOAs
- Keep phones on mute to avoid background noise during the webinar
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Our Process

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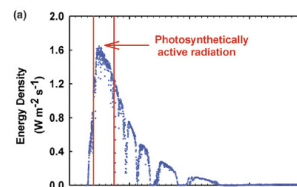
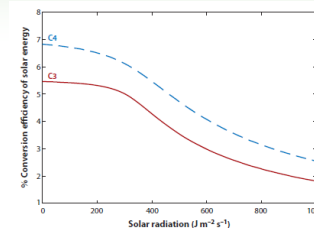
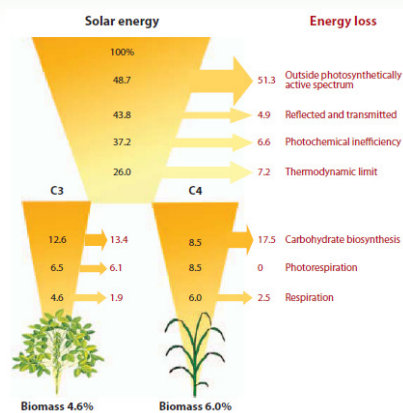


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Energy efficiency measurements are abstract, highly variable, and provide only a snapshot of possible performance



Comparison between different crops in different conditions/climates is difficult

Source: Zhu et al. *Current Opinion in Biotechnology* (2008) 19: 153-159.



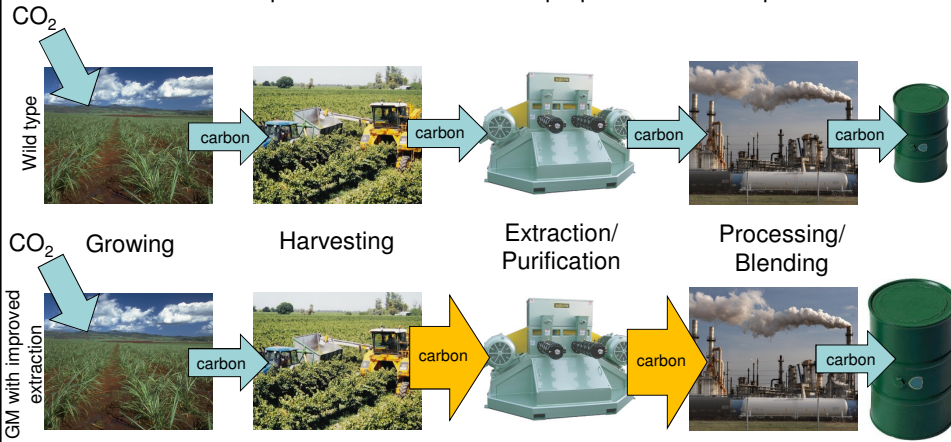
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Determining energy yields by tracking carbon allows for more robust comparisons between agricultural crops

This process follows a tangible quantity, mass, from start to finish, facilitating comparison between different proposed biofuel crops



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Table 1 from the PETRO FOA

Table 1: Carbon flux from atmospheric CO₂ for current biofuel crops

[NOTE: Only carbon is counted as part of weight.]

	Maximum Photosynthetic Rate A_m 50 $t_c \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot y^{-1}$ ⁽¹⁰⁾ [based on carbon, mw=12]					
	Maize (Midwest) ^(11, 12, 13, 14, 15)		Soybean (Midwest) ^(11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)		Sugarcane (LA, TX, FL) ^(22, 23, 24, 25, 26)	
	$t_c \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot y^{-1}$	Yield	$t_c \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot y^{-1}$	Yield	$t_c \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot y^{-1}$	Yield
Captured	7.7	15%	3.1	6.3%	24.	48.%
Harvested	3.9	7.8%	1.3	2.5%	16.	32.%
Purified	2.7	5.4%	0.38	0.77%	7.7	15.%
Processed	1.5	3.0%	0.34	0.69%	4.0	8.0%
Final Energy Content ($GJ \cdot t_c^{-1}$)	52 (Ethanol)		50 (FAME)		52 (Ethanol)	
Overall Fuel Yield ($GJ \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot y^{-1}$)	79		17		207	

Where did this come from?



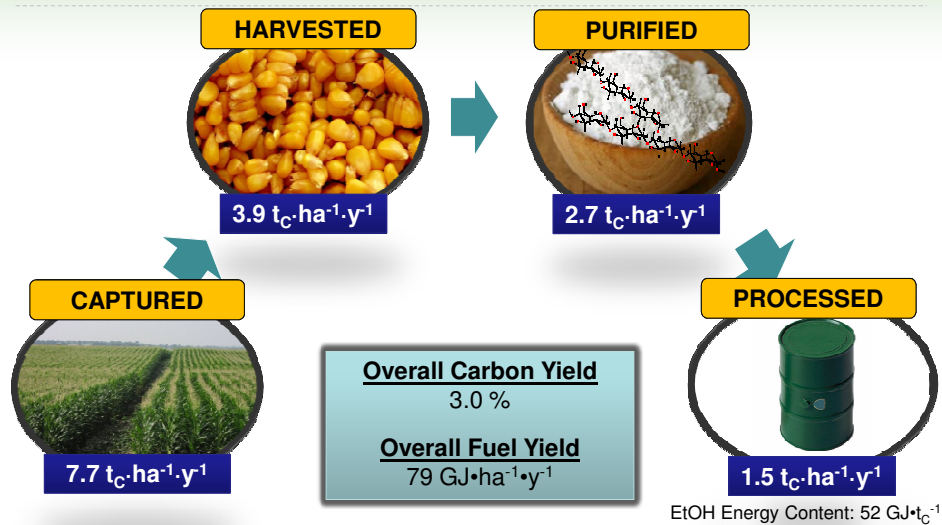
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Carbon efficiency in corn grain ethanol production

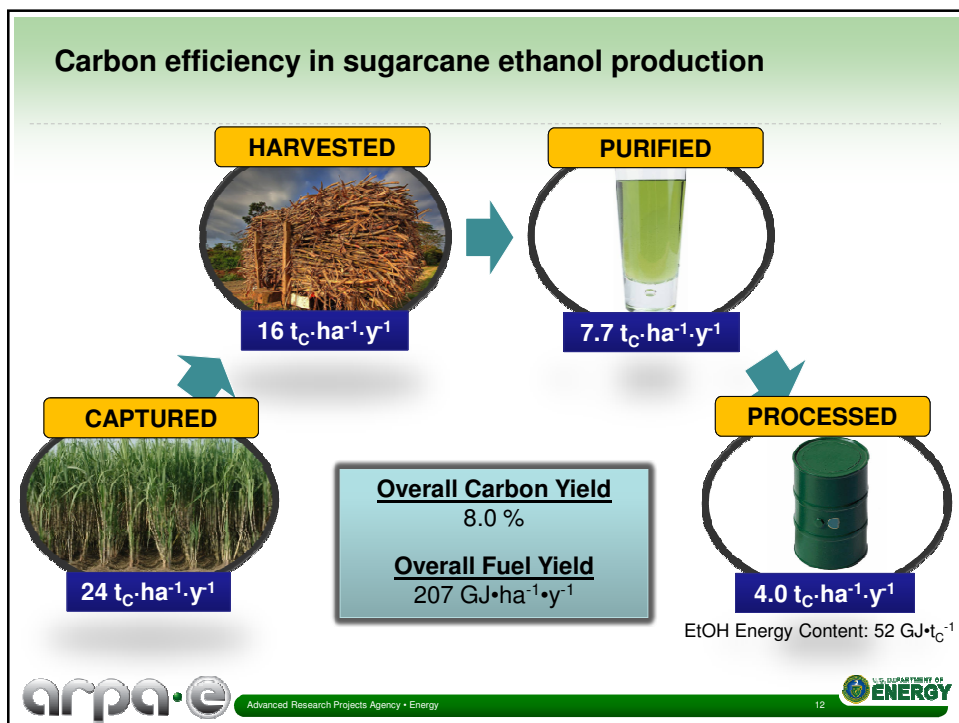
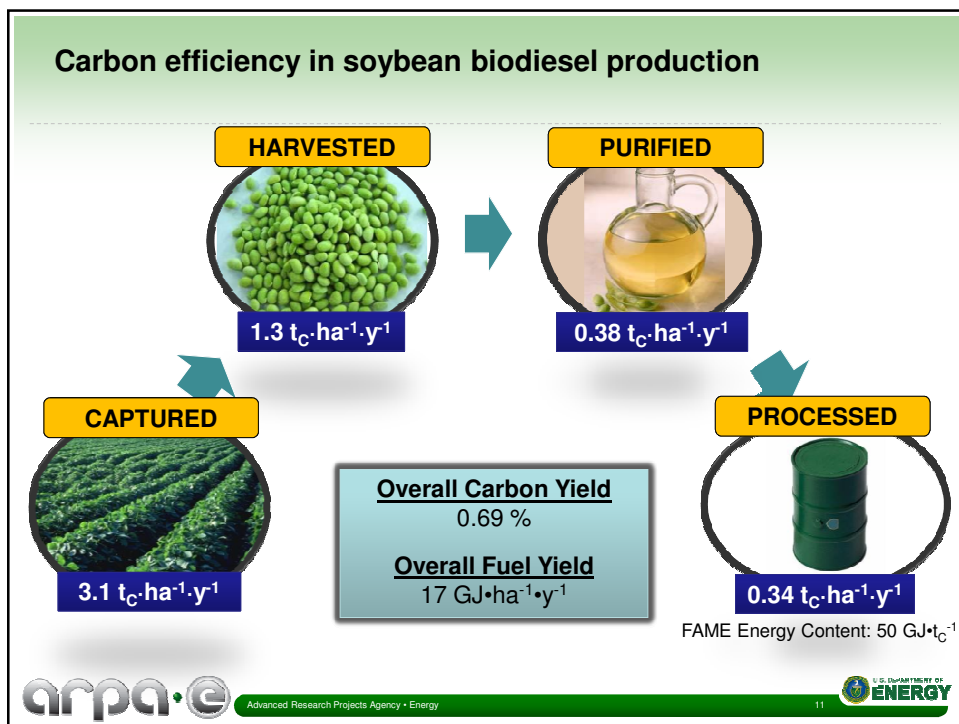
See PETRO Yield Workbook for detailed breakdown in the 4 worksheets



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Sometimes “non-linear” thinking will facilitate the development of the table

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	$t_c \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	Yield
Captured	24	48%
Harvested	16	32%
Purified	7.7	15%
Processed	4.0	8.0%



Sugarcane

$$168.7 \frac{\text{kg sucrose}}{\text{tonne cane}} + 152.2 \frac{\text{kg dry bagasse}}{\text{tonne cane}} = 320.8 \frac{\text{kg harvested cane}}{\text{tonne total cane}}$$

$$168.7 \frac{\text{kg dry sucrose}}{\text{tonne cane}} + 152.2 \frac{\text{kg dry bagasse}}{\text{tonne cane}} + 154.4 \frac{\text{kg dry straw}}{\text{tonne cane}} = 475.2 \frac{\text{kg total dry mass}}{\text{tonne raw cane}}$$

$$\frac{320.8 \frac{\text{kg harvested cane}}{\text{tonne total cane}}}{475.2 \frac{\text{kg total dry mass}}{\text{tonne total cane}}} = 0.675 \frac{\text{tonne harvested}}{\text{tonne total cane plant}}$$

$$101.1 \frac{\text{tonne harvested cane}}{\text{ha} \cdot \text{yr}} \times \frac{1}{0.675} = 151.0 \frac{\text{tonne total cane plant}}{\text{ha} \cdot \text{yr}}$$

$$151.0 \frac{\text{tonne total cane plant}}{\text{ha} \cdot \text{yr}} \times (1 - 0.658 \frac{\text{water mass}}{\text{tonne total cane plant}}) = 51.7 \frac{\text{tonne dry total cane plant}}{\text{ha} \cdot \text{yr}}$$

$$51.7 \frac{\text{tonne dry total cane plant}}{\text{ha} \cdot \text{yr}} \times 0.472 = 24.4 t_c \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ cane}$$

Primary Data in yellow

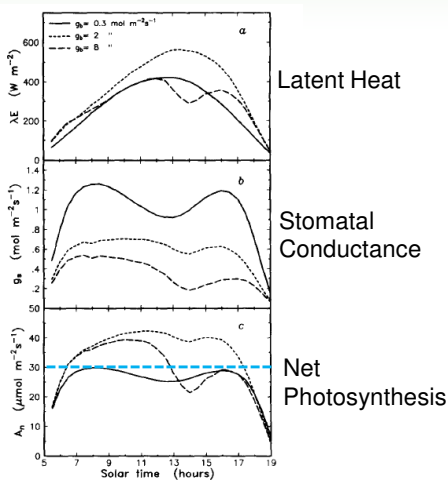


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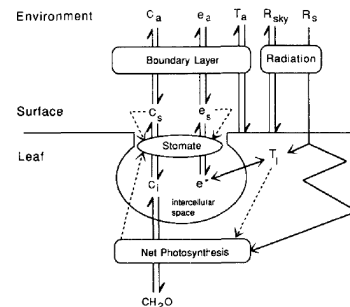


Theoretical Maximum Photosynthetic Rate $\approx 50 t_c \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$



Assumption

Daily average of $30 \mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ based on an average of 12 hours of sunlight per day over an entire year



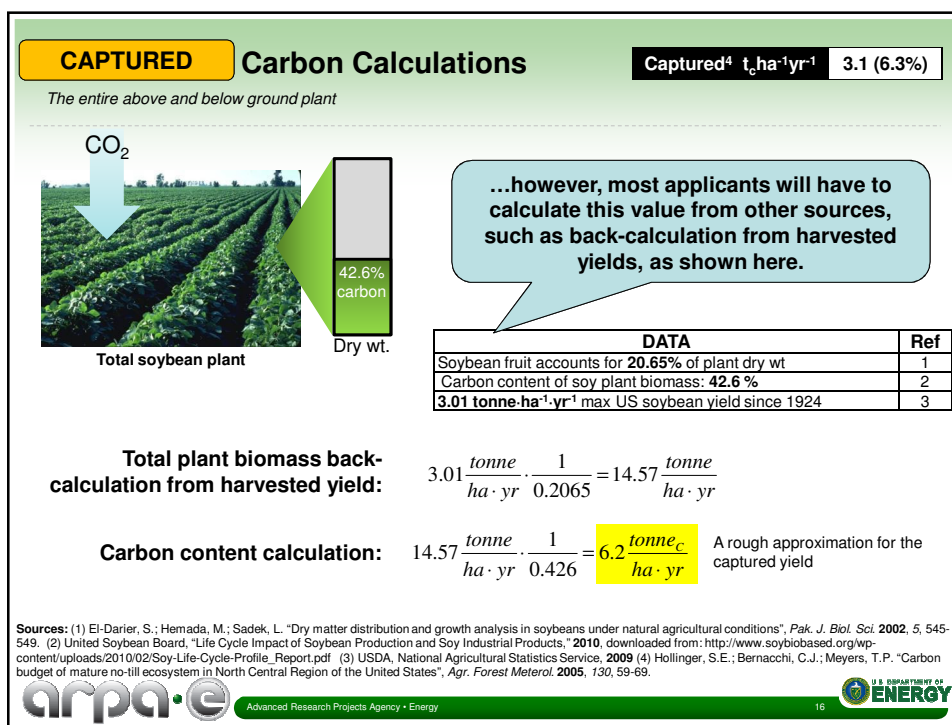
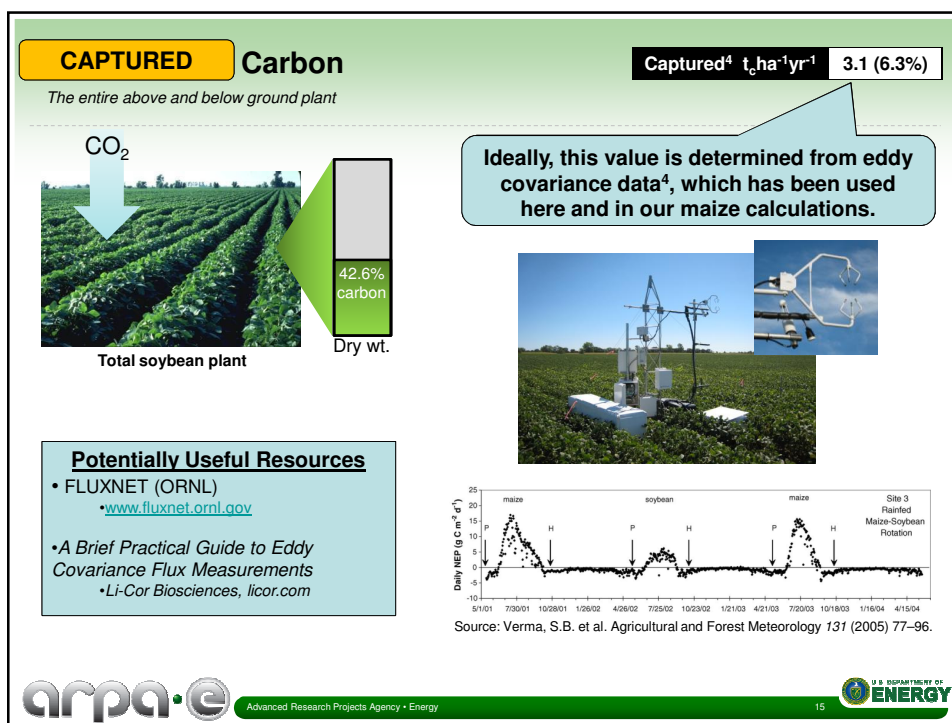
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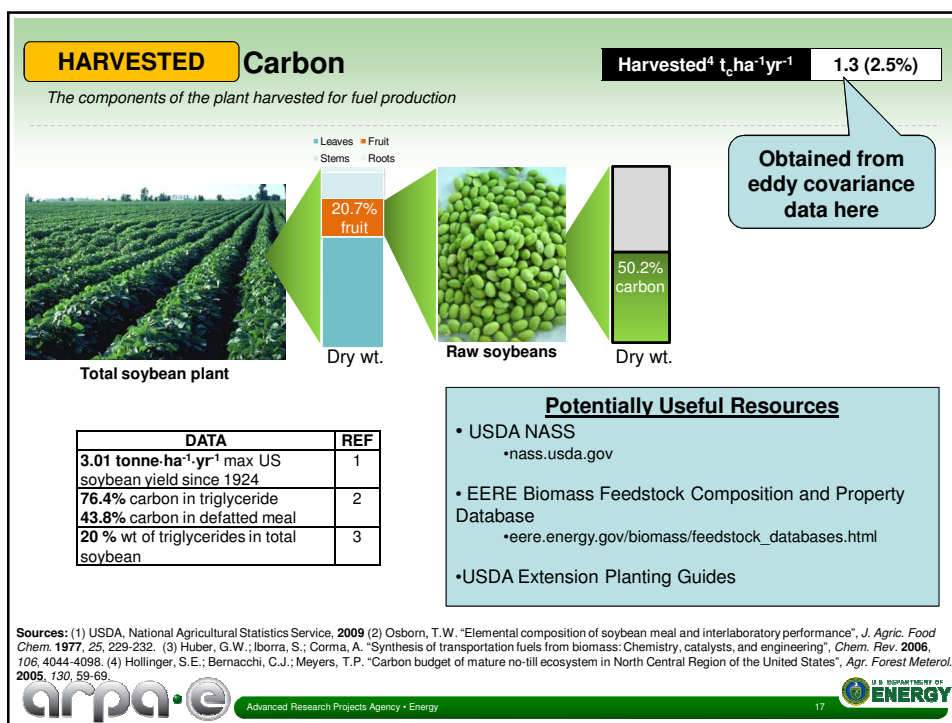


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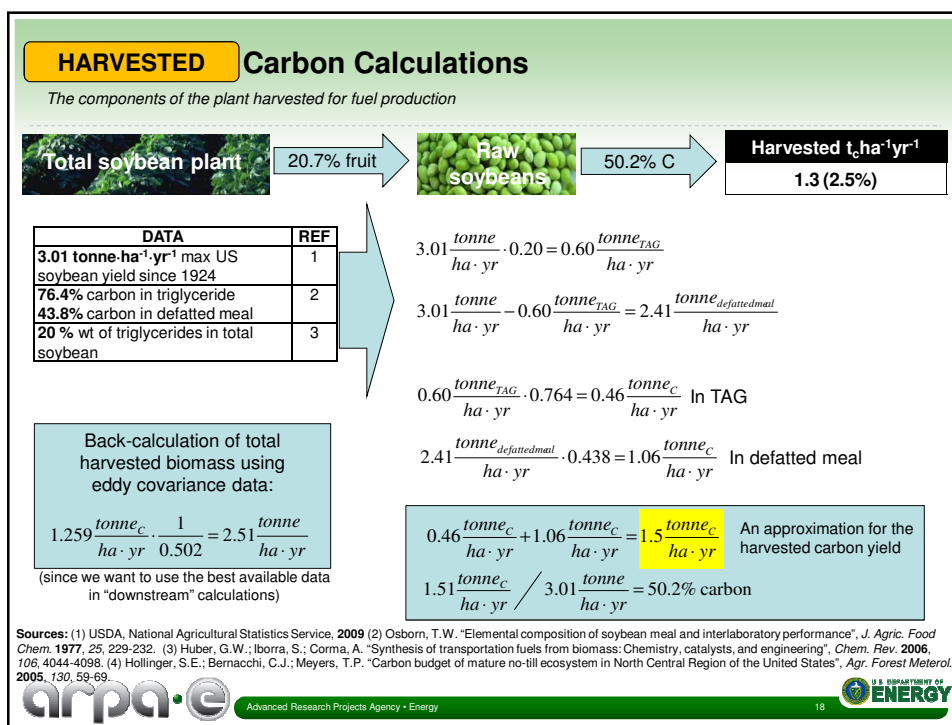




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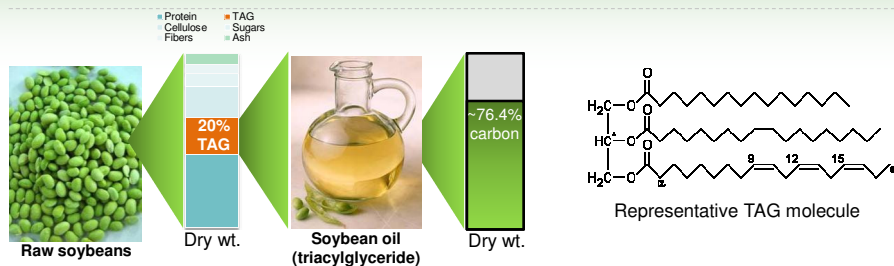
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PURIFIED CARBON

Purified $t_c \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot yr^{-1}$ 0.38 (0.77%)

The chemical components of the harvested material before fuel processing



DATA	REF
2.51 $tonne \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot yr^{-1}$ soybean biomass	Calculated above in 'harvested'
20 % wt of triglycerides in total soybean	1
~76.4% carbon in triglyceride (weighted average based upon 12% palmitic, 3% stearic, 22% oleic, 56% linoleic, and 6% linolenic constituent fatty acid methyl esters)	2

Potentially Useful Resources
 • "Thermodynamic Data for Biomass Conversion and Waste Incineration," NIST/NREL (1986)

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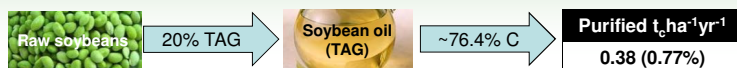
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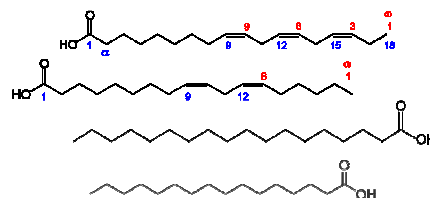


PURIFIED CARBON Calculations

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Assuming TAG carbon \approx FAME carbon:

FAME	% Comp	# C	# H	# O	Mol Wt	% C	% H	% O
Palmitic	12%	17	34	2	270	75.6%	12.6%	11.9%
Stearic	3%	19	38	2	298	76.5%	12.8%	10.7%
Oleic	22.0%	19	36	2	296	77.0%	12.2%	10.8%
Linoleic	56%	19	34	2	294	77.6%	11.6%	10.9%
Linolenic	6%	19	32	2	292	78.1%	11.0%	11.0%
Wgt Avg	99%				288.62	76.4%		

$$2.51 \frac{tonne_{soybeans}}{ha \cdot yr} \cdot 0.20 = 0.50 \frac{tonne_{TAG}}{ha \cdot yr}$$

$$0.50 \frac{tonne_{TAG}}{ha \cdot yr} \cdot 0.764 = 0.38 \frac{tonne_c}{ha \cdot yr}$$

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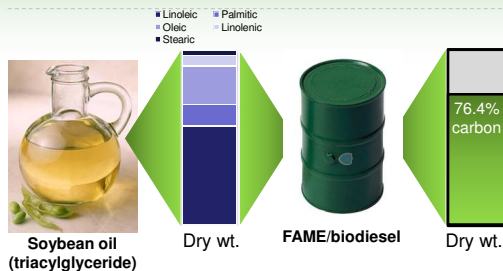
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PROCESSED Carbon

Processed $t_c \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ 0.34 (0.69%)

The final fuel mixture



This number will be a projection developed by applicants – it must be justified and relevant assumptions must be reported

DATA	REF
510 L/ha B100	1
0.88 kg/L B100	2
76.4 % carbon in soy FAME mixture (by weight)	Calculation in chart
38 MJ/kg B100 Energy Content (Lower Heating Value)	3

Potentially Useful Resources

- NIST Chemistry Webbook
- webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/

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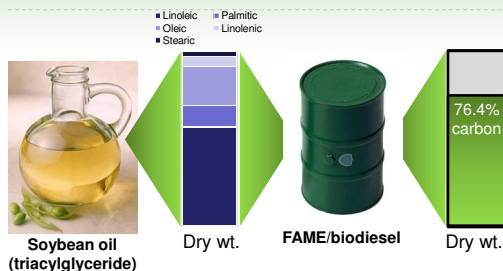
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$$510 \frac{L_{B100}}{ha \cdot yr} \cdot 0.88 \frac{kg}{L} \cdot 0.001 \frac{tonne}{kg} = 0.449 \frac{tonne_{B100}}{ha \cdot yr}$$

$$0.449 \frac{tonne_{B100}}{ha \cdot yr} \cdot 0.764 = 0.34 \frac{tonne_c}{ha \cdot yr}$$

Final Fuel Energy Content ($GJ \cdot t_c^{-1}$):

$$38 \frac{MJ}{kg} \cdot \frac{1}{0.764} = 50 \frac{MJ}{kg_c} = 50 \frac{GJ}{tonne_c}$$

Sources: (1) Hill, J.; Nelson, E.; Tilman, D.; Polasky, S.; Tiffany, D. "Environmental, economic, and energetic costs and benefits of biodiesel and ethanol biofuels", *PNAS* 2006, 103, 11206-11210. (2) Renewable Biofuels Inc., "Soy Methyl Ester B100" product specification data sheet, from: http://www.rbfuels.com/assets/files/RBF_Soy_Methyl_Ester_B100_Data_Sheet.pdf (3) Bain, World Biofuels Assessment, Milestone Report, NREL/MP-510-42467 December 2007



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Energy Yield – putting it all together



	$t_c \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot yr^{-1}$	Yield
Captured	3.1	6.3%
Harvested	1.3	2.5%
Purified	0.38	0.77%
Processed	0.34	0.69%



Overall Fuel Yield ($GJ \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot yr^{-1}$):

$$0.34 \frac{tonne_c}{ha \cdot yr} \cdot 50 \frac{GJ}{tonne_c} = 17 \frac{GJ}{ha \cdot yr}$$

Target for PETRO: $\geq 160 GJ \cdot ha^{-1} \cdot yr^{-1}$



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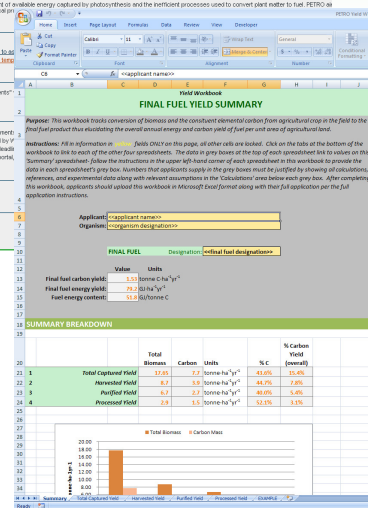
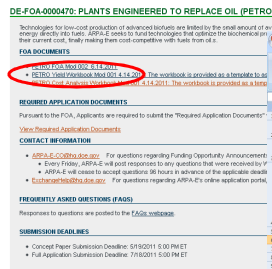
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Your process ≈ Our process

- ARPA-E has provided applicants with a template, the 'PETRO Yield Workbook'
- Feel free to show all your work and modify any unlocked cells
- The Workbook is a required component of the full application submission



Our calculations are based on readily available data on current agricultural crops.

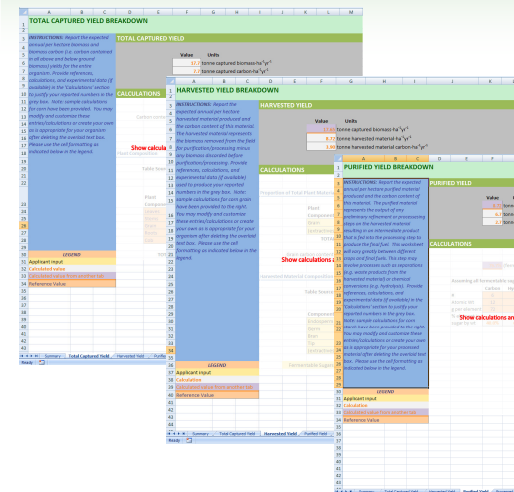
While your proposed crops may not have much data available, please provide as much information as possible around the assumptions, estimations, experiments, sources, and models that **are** available



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Select each drill down tab and show us your calculations and relevant references



Helpful reminders:

- Please keep information well organized
- Always provide units (show unit conversions)
- Discuss assumptions explicitly
- Utilize color coding

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Example from above is found in the Yield Workbook

Download from:
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CALCULATING PETRO FUEL CARBON YIELD
Using soybean as an example

CAPTURED

The 'captured' data reported here was obtained from eddy covariance data which is not yet available for a wide range of agricultural crops. A rough approximation of this value can be back-calculated from the 'harvested' data as shown in the calculations below.

Based upon the theoretical maximal rate of photosynthesis, $50 \text{ gC m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$

Harvested
3.1 (b.3%)

VALUES

Parameter	Value
Dry weight	42.5% carbon
Harvested	3.1 (b.3%)
Purified Yield	14.57 tonnes/ha/yr

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EXAMPLE

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Conclusion

- This concludes the Webinar on the Yield Workbook. As stated in the FOA, all questions must be emailed to ARPA-E-CO@hq.doe.gov.
 - All Yield Workbooks must be uploaded with Full Applications
- Full Application Due Date : July 18, 2011 5PM ET**
- ARPA-E recommends submitting all required Full Application materials at least 24 hours in advance of the deadline
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